



IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re the Application of: **Whitman, et al.**

Application No.: 09/836,781

Attorney Docket No.: 3556-P03147US0

Filed: April 17, 2001

For: "ELECTRO-MECHANICAL SURGICAL DEVICE"

Examiner: Tran, Louis B.

Group Art Unit: 3721

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AMENDMENT

In response to the Official Action dated December 18, 2002 (paper #12), please amend the above-identified application as indicated on the following pages.

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The amendments to the **claims** begin on **page 2**.

The amendments to the **specification** begin on **page 10**.

The **remarks** concerning the office action and Applicant's amendments begin on **page 11**.

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